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WASHINGTON, DC- U.S. Rep. Charlie Melancon today announced that LaFourche Parish will receive \$5,553,841.47 in federal disaster aid from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"The citizens of LaFourche Parish fought valiantly last year to contain the flood waters and I am happy this federal grant will reimburse them for their efforts," said Melancon. **"Our work is not done, however. I will continue to work to secure funding to strengthen the Louisiana's hurricane protection system and ensure that our levees will hold strong in the face of future storms."**

High winds and heavy rains from Hurricane Katrina caused a levee break and flooding in southern LaFourche Parish. The parish's recovery efforts included providing sand and sandbags, clearing roads, providing logistical support and provisions for personnel and residents and other emergency protective measures throughout the area. This grant will reimburse the Parish for the cost of labor, equipment, materials, rentals of temporary inflatable levees and contract work.

Temporary inflatable flood control tubes were used for several weeks to control additional levee overtopping from Hurricane Rita. Flooding from levee failure in this area would have caused damage to approximately 1500 to 2500 homes, businesses and public facilities.

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